

To: Field, Stephen[Field.Stephen@epa.gov]
From: Capacasa, Jon
Sent: Mon 1/13/2014 6:42:54 PM
Subject: Fw: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV - Regulatory Coverage

My earlier response.

From: Capacasa, Jon
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 1:13:13 PM
To: Isales, Lydia
Cc: binetti, victoria; William Arguto
Subject: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV - Regulatory Coverage

Lydia - as of now, the only federal regulatory coverage we are aware of for this WV facility is an NPDES permit issued by WV DEP for industrial stormwater activities. We are tracking down the permit number and more specifics though minor permits are not often recorded in ICIS>

The other regulatory role that we have is to react to instances of Imminent and Substantial Endangerment under SDWA 1431. This requires a determination that state and local officials have not acted and there may exist an imminent or substantial threat to public health. As the state has issued orders and is leading the response to the emergency, no serious analysis of this authority has yet been done, though we stand ready to assist as needed and have offered such to the State through various contacts.

If you need more specifics or discover another CWA or SDWA connection, please let us know.

Jon

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-----Original Message-----

From: Price-Fay, Michelle
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 2:55 PM
To: Capacasa, Jon
Cc: McGuigan, David
Subject: Fw: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Chad spoke with Scott Manderola, he is serving as Zeto until Zeto's position is back filled.

From: Harsh, Chad
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 5:48:54 PM
To: Price-Fay, Michelle
Subject: RE: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

The only water permit they have is a stormwater permit. This is a storage and distribution facility, no

manufacturing. The state issued an order today to contain and cleanup. Scott said he would send me a copy. Lots of folks are out there, including coast guard. The site is already under a cleanup from the Pennzoil days.

Chad

-----Original Message-----

From: Price-Fay, Michelle

Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 8:18 AM

To: Harsh, Chad

Subject: Fw: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Need to determine if this facility has a stormwater permit. Can you follow up and let me know.

From: Matlock, Dennis

Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 1:07:13 AM

To: Ferrell, Mark; Garvin, Shawn; Burns, Francis; R3 HOTSITES

Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Mark thx

I will be going down. I will keep you posted when I learn anything new.

Cell 304 280 7500

From: Ferrell, Mark

Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:02:10 PM

To: Garvin, Shawn; Burns, Francis; R3 HOTSITES

Subject: RE: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

County Health departments are closing down restaurants, bars, etc. At least one large grocery store here in Charleston had to close its doors due to inability to control flood of customers. Sam's Club here says they sold 3,100 cases of bottled water in 4 hours. Social networks buzzing with people asking if/when potable water will be trucked in. Schools in all 8 counties are closing. Nursing homes, hospitals engaging with NGOs to source potable water supplies. Neither American Water Company or Freedom Industries has stated plainly that the leak has actually been stopped. Some first responders saying to the press that very little is known about the chemical. The water system's intake is approx. 1/2 mile downstream from the leak site.

The state's legislature is in session here in Charleston and so is safe to assume that every West Virginia legislator is being directly impacted in some way (hotels, restaurants, and the prevailing licorice-like odor). It will be interesting to see tomorrow how many decided to go back to their home districts tonight.

Mark Ferrell

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From: Garvin, Shawn

Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 9:20 PM
To: Burns, Francis; R3 HOTSITES
Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Thx.

From: Burns, Francis
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 8:54:42 PM
To: R3 HOTSITES
Subject: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

This afternoon there was a chemical spill from Freedom Industries, which is the old Pennzoil Refinery. The spilled chemical was methylcyclohexane, which is used in coal preparation and processing. Spill into the ELK River occurred sometime earlier in the day and there was an early report of an odor. The Gov of WV declared a state of emergency for at least five counties. The Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant detected the chemical even after the increased carbon treatment effort.

WV issued an order to not drink cook or bathe in the water, which affects approximately 100,000 people. WV is conducting additional water sampling. The Civil Support Team is also deployed to the WVEOC to assist in supplying water to residents. The WV EOC is operational but have not requested EPA assistance. OSC Dennis Matlock has contacted WV DEP Mike Dorsey and offered EPA assistance.